

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Abstract as shown below. A “clean” copy of the Abstract with the amendments incorporated therein is attached.

Abstract of the Disclosure

~~The present invention relates to a~~ A retractable thruster for a surface or submersible vessel, ~~having the thruster a propulsion assembly comprising with~~ having the thruster a propulsion assembly comprising with a rigid structure secured to a cylindrical turbine, ~~said. The rigid structure containing or being suitable for containing~~ contains a motor, ~~said motor being~~ said the suitable for rotating at least one propeller inside ~~said the turbine via at least one rotary shaft positioned between said the motor and said the propeller, and. The thruster preferably further comprising has~~ the turbine via at least one rotary shaft positioned between said the motor and said the propeller, and. The thruster preferably further comprising has a plate for closing the hull placed beneath ~~said the turbine and secured thereto, said the propulsion assembly being displaceable by displacement means between a retracted position in which it is at rest inside the hull and a deployed position for providing propulsion in which the propeller is immersed beneath the hull. According to the present invention, said displacement means enable said~~ said the turbine and secured thereto, said the propulsion assembly being displaceable by displacement means between a retracted position in which it is at rest inside the hull and a deployed position for providing propulsion in which the propeller is immersed beneath the hull. According to the present invention, said displacement means enable said The propulsion assembly to be moved is movable between ~~said the retracted and deployed positions by said the propulsion assembly performing moving in a uniform uniformly circular movement direction~~ said the retracted and deployed positions by said the propulsion assembly performing moving in a uniform uniformly circular movement direction about an axis of rotation situated substantially at no higher than the level of ~~said the hull or beneath said hull.~~ said the hull.